

NEWS ROUNDUP

Train rape linked to murder case

Police hunting the killer of Deborah Linsley on a train learned yesterday of another train rape. "There are certain similarities," police said. The woman was attacked and raped on a train between Nottingham and Leeds. Detectives who have spoken to her say they have established close links with officers in the murder inquiry.

Miss Linsley, aged 26, a hotel receptionist from Orpington, Kent, was murdered on a train travelling to London's Victoria station. The other incident involved a woman aged 59 who boarded the 1.25pm train from Nottingham to Leeds on March 2. She was raped in a compartment in a corridor-linked carriage.

Chauffeur for miners

Miners in Nottinghamshire who miss their service buses after working overtime are chauffeured home, it was disclosed yesterday. After British Coal's fleet of buses was sold off last month pit managers had decided to hire a private car firm. The firm is now inundated with calls from administration officers at Gedling, Calverton and Bestwood to ferry miners home. A miner from Calverton said last night: "It is just the job. Lovely and comfortable rides home."

Poll tax fine warning

People refusing to fill in forms registering them for poll tax could be taken to court and fined, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday. His warning on BBC Radio 4 came on the first day of registration for the tax in Scotland in response to Labour MPs who have advised that people should send back the forms asking for further explanation. Mr Rifkind said if someone had a genuine inquiry they should contact the registration officer.

Janice Long quits

Janice Long, the Radio One disc jockey, has resigned from the BBC, saying she had suffered discrimination as a woman and a mother. Miss Long, who was dropped from her rock show slot after her son was born in February, said: "The problems started before Fred was born. I told Radio One I would need six weeks off work."

Conference confusion

The annual conference of the Young Liberals at Llandudno, Gwyneth started in confusion yesterday. It began an hour late, with only nine delegates present. They were almost outnumbered by a delegation of five Dutch Liberals, two members of the Fine Gael party, and a Young Social Democrat fraternal delegate.

Victim knew killer

A killer left a man aged 62 to bleed to death in his home after an horrific beating, police said yesterday. Detectives believe Mr Sydney Marsh's friendly nature could have led to his death. They said yesterday that the former lorry driver probably knew his murderer and invited him in. Mr Marsh was found lying in his home in Kirkwood Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester. Police broke in yesterday after being alerted by neighbours who had heard raised voices in the flat the previous evening.

Paths under threat

Footpaths are being "wrenched from their natural and historic ways to serve as angular adjuncts of the profit and convenience of contemporary agriculture", the chairman of the 60,000-member Ramblers' Association writes today in the forward to its 1987 report. Mr Chris Hall criticizes farmers who obtain diversion orders for paths and push walkers on to "sneaky zigzags beside the hedge, or more likely the wire".

Peers join dispute on book sale

Five peers have entered the dispute over the sale of rare books left to the renowned John Rylands Library at Manchester University by saying that the move could put future bequests in jeopardy. In two weeks 60 books, which formed part of a memorial to the nineteenth century textile magnate, will be auctioned at Sotheby's.

Transfer threat for sick leave officers

Prison officers have demanded an urgent meeting with the Scottish Office after some of their members, off sick with stress-related illness, were threatened with transfer unless they return to work. The governor of Glasgow's Barlinnie Prison, Mr Alan Walker, has sent letters to about 40 officers advising them to return to work by Monday or risk being sent to another prison. He said their jobs would then be advertised.

Peers join dispute on book sale

Lord Eccles, in a letter to the Times published today, said: "We hope the vice-chancellor of Manchester University realizes that collectors contemplating a bequest to a university will now have to reconsider their beneficiaries." "We are saddened and shocked to learn that 60 of the best books which by their quality and their bindings must be considered unique, are to be sold."

Lorry stolen

Thieves stole a loaded lorry and trailer yesterday worth £34,000, outside the Mars Bar factory in Slough, Berkshire.

Quay plunge

A woman aged 42 died yesterday when her car plunged off a quay at Bideford, Devon, where she lived.

Lawson to stay as Cabinet reshuffle is delayed

The Cabinet reshuffle expected early this autumn is likely to be delayed, probably for a year. Senior ministers believe that only a sudden further deterioration in relations between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, resulting in his departure for a post in the City, would precipitate big government changes this autumn. While Mr Lawson's friends are still expecting him to leave the Government before the end of this Parliament, they believe that he plans to introduce one more Budget. Meanwhile Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, whose cast of mind appears strongly to the Prime Minister, is emerging as a strong favourite to succeed him.

Civil Service unions warn of renewed strike threat

A new wave of protests from Civil Service unions angry at the latest 4 per cent pay offer is likely, although militant calls for a strike are expected to be defeated. Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said yesterday that a policy of industrial action might be implemented later this month, in spite of doubts about the union's chances of negotiating a better award. The Militant-led union is committed to balloting its members on a three-week programme of rolling industrial action if the Treasury does not meet a 25-a-week pay claim, the introduction of a 35-hour week and a minimum weekly wage of £154.

Transfer threat for sick leave officers

The letters have been sent to officers who have been off sick for more than three weeks. Mr Bill Goodall, deputy general secretary of the Scottish Prison Officers' Association, said: "We have asked for a meeting with the Scottish Home and Health Department about the letters. I cannot say more at the moment because we have no wish to conduct our negotiations in public." The letters are designed to sort out the genuinely sick from those officers thought to be malingering. Morale at Barlinnie has been low for some time and officers are currently refusing to take in some prisoners referred from the courts.

Crisis in Britain's prisons

Although the prison is designed to take about 1,000. Meanwhile overcrowding in prisons south of the border are being relieved by the use of Army camps. Villagers in Shrewton, Wiltshire, are preparing for an influx of prisoners who will be housed at the nearby Rolleston Army camp for the second year running. The 350 prisoners will be looked after by 500 members of the Military Provost Corps, who will also be guarding prisoners at a camp in Camberley, Surrey.

Showdown over teachers' image

Members of the National Union of Teachers were gathered in Scarborough last night for what promises to be the biggest showdown between left and right in the union's 118-year history. The moderate-led executive will today be asking the opening session of the union's annual conference to endorse moves to make its image more attractive to parents. As well as effectively abandoning any idea of national school strikes, the union's leaders will seek approval for a reshaping of its internal structure.

Council is accused of apartheid

A Labour-controlled council was yesterday accused of attempting to introduce a form of apartheid into its homes for the aged. Birmingham City Council is offering elderly black people the chance to live, eat and sleep separately from white people in rest homes. Social services officials deny charges of segregation, saying that separate living will be an option that will not be forced on anyone.

Energy that he is in line for promotion once again to a senior post. But the electricity privatization legislation which he is masterminding is not due to come before the Commons until the next parliamentary session beginning in November so it is virtually impossible to move him for another year. Mr Parkinson, an accountant by training, is one of those being mentioned as a potential successor to Mr Lawson. So are Mr John Wakeham, the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, who has been a junior minister in the Treasury, and Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and a former Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Mirrors of Oriental art



One of the eight Chinese mirror pictures left to the nation by Mrs Rosemary Lazenby.

Marble Hill House in Twickenham, southwest London, is to house a private collection of eighteenth century Chinese mirror paintings. The artists scraped off the mirrors' silver backs and then, using looking glasses to see how their work was progressing, applied the paint to the naked glass; they knew that a stroke could not be covered up.

Fifth man accused over dead soldiers

A fifth man has been charged in connection with the deaths of two British soldiers at an IRA funeral on March 19. Anthony Gallagher, aged 17, a student of Cherry Gardens, Twinbrook, west Belfast, was accused yesterday of causing grievous bodily harm to Corporal David Hughes, one of the two who died. Belfast magistrates were told that Mr Gallagher told police: "I'm sorry it ever happened". He was also charged with taking control of a bus during protests at the shootings of the three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar.

Actors

Mr "Bonny" was chairman of the off-association, said: "Ten years ago most emergency plans were recruited from either military or the emergency services but today there are no need of young officers from university, they are seeking qualifications in emergency planning."

Palaces

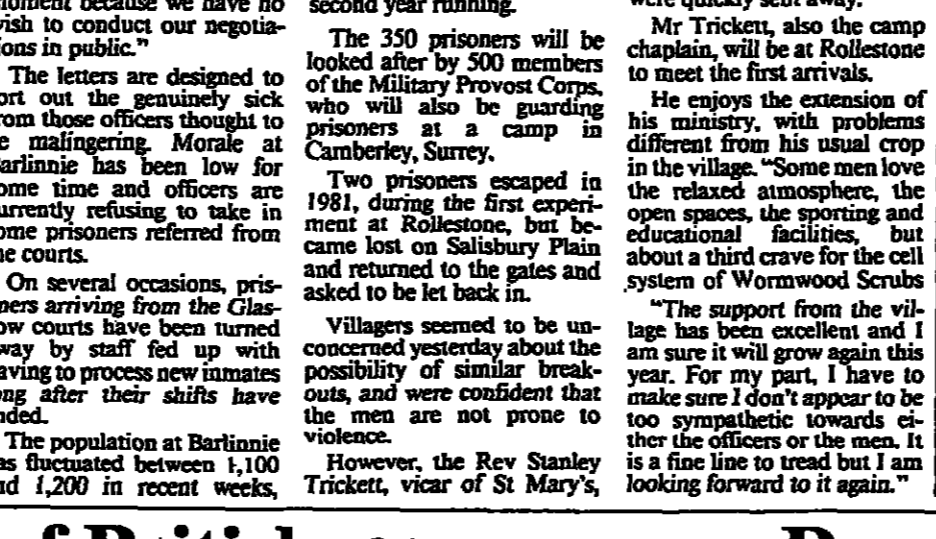
The earnest Dutch tourist visiting the north of the Netherlands will be surprised to find a palace in the form of a castle in the town of Groningen. The five-story building is a reconstruction of a palace which was destroyed in 1696 by French soldiers. It was built in 1870.

Chapel

A Roman chapel, only the foundations of which were known, is to be reconstructed in the town of Bicester, Oxfordshire. The chapel is thought to be the site of a Roman military base and is believed to be one of the most important Roman sites in the south of England.

The best of British newspapers: Press awards for 1987

The British Press Awards for 1987 are announced today. They are: Reporter of the Year: Martin Shipton, The Northern Echo. Commented: David McKittrick, The Independent. International Reporter of the Year: Robert Fisk, The Times. Commented: Marie Colvin, The Sunday Times.



- The Times winners: Bernard Levin, Robert Fisk, Barbara Amiel, and John Woodcock. General Feature Writer of the Year: Lynda Lee-Potter, Daily Mail. Commented: Ann Leslie, Daily Mail. Sports Journalist of the Year: John Woodcock, The Times. Commented: Patrick Collins, The Mail on Sunday. Columnist of the Year: Bernard Levin, The Times. Commented: Barbara Amiel, The Times. Critic of the Year: John Naughton, The Observer.

- Journalist of the Year: Ted Dickenson, deputy editor, Sunday Express. Commented: Kenneth Dodd, executive editor, The Guardian. Reg Evans, associate editor, Press Association. Dennis Hackitt, Nicholas Herbert, editorial director, Westminster Press. Michael Hill, managing editor, The Times. Anne Robinson, assistant editor, Daily Mirror. Alastair Stuart, editor-in-chief, Thomson Regional Newspapers. Brian Vint, managing editor, Daily Mail. Non-voting organizer, Michael Molloy, editor in chief, Mirror Group Newspapers. The awards will be presented at The Savoy on May 11.



Doctors could face negligence claims over tranquillizers

By Ruth Gledhill

One of the country's leading medical experts on tranquillizer addiction has said that doctors who suddenly take patients off the drugs could be open to claims against them for negligence.

The warning by Professor Malcolm Lader, the first to bring the dangers of the drugs to public attention with an article in 1978 entitled *Benzodiazepines - The Opium of the Masses*, comes as the fight for compensation by some of Britain's thousands of tranquillizer addicts is gaining momentum.

Withdrawal from some benzodiazepines, sold as both tranquillizers and sleeping tablets, is worse than withdrawal from heroin and can cause fits, brain damage and in some cases death, he said.

Patients should be gradually weaned off, over a period of at least six weeks.

Currently, more than 1.25 million adults are long-term users of the drugs and more than 400,000 are dependent and likely to suffer serious withdrawals.

The Solicitors' Benzodiazepine Group, which represents addicts seeking compensation, has informally approached Professor Lader, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, to ask if he would be willing to give them medical guidance prior to any possible litigation.

According to one solicitor, there have already been "worrying instances" of patients whose doctors have suddenly stopped prescribing the drugs.

"This is something that has appalled me. I understand that some doctors have suggested the possible litigation as a reason for their action. I would have thought that something like this would be the last thing they would want."

Two children tucked into Easter eggs yesterday knowing that for them the seasonal treat is a means of staying alive. Without a sweet diet every three hours, Charles Wall, aged eight, and his sister Sophie, aged five, of Timbury, Bath - two of only eight people in Britain suffering from the rare metabolic disorder - would slip into a coma and die within days. The incurable condition means natural body fats are not turned into energy-giving sugar.

The most severe example of negligence possible."

Miss Pam Armstrong, of the Council for Involuntary Tranquillizer Addiction, said: "We had one lady who was taken right off all the drugs who went through hell. We have had other cases where people have been taken off this group of tranquillizers and been put on a new type. Doing this does not stop the withdrawals, it is crazy."

Professor Lader, currently writing a paper on the use of sleeping tablets, said: "A lot of doctors have been reviewing their chronic users and trying to help them come off."

This reviewing comes after a recent bulletin circulated to doctors by the Committee on Safety of Medicines, which warned doctors to limit prescriptions to a total of four weeks and to prescribe the drugs only in cases of severe or moderate anxiety.

Patients can suffer withdrawals after as little as a month of taking a normal dose.

"Whatever people decide to do, they should not make patients stop cold turkey. People have gone through agonies because of acute withdrawals."

Professor Lader said that withdrawal symptoms include increased anxiety, complaints that lights are too bright and noises too loud, sweating, palpitations, dizziness, headaches, numbness, sickness, epileptic fits and low-grade delirium tremens. Some patients can suffer a severe psychotic reaction and go mad. The epileptic fits can cause brain damage or death. Some of the longer-acting drugs do not produce such severe symptoms as shorter-acting drugs, but all should be treated with caution.

CND still marching on after 30 years



Mr Michael Foot and his wife Jill Craigie, veterans of the first CND march to the atomic weapons plant at Aldermaston in Berkshire, at Hyde Park yesterday with their dog Dizzy as the thirtieth anniversary "Ban the Bomb" march got under way. He told the crowd: "I came to the march in 1958 with a different dog but the same wife". About 5,000 people took part in the rally to mark the beginning of the march, which will end at Aldermaston on Monday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Gardeners given help on cuttings and seeds

The Consumers' Association has come to the aid of amateur gardeners who despair of persuading anything to grow.

Anyone can acquire green fingers and raise plants from cuttings and seeds, according to the *Which? Guide to Successful Propagation*, out today.

The preface of the book, compiled by Alistair Hayes, deputy editor of the *Gardening from Which?* says: "If you know that cuttings are more likely to root at a certain time of year, or if taken in a particular way, you can greatly improve your chances of success."

A *Which?* spokesman said: "You do not need expensive tools or special equipment to propagate plants, but it does pay to have a proper bench and the right bits and pieces to hand."

Hospice plan

The Sue Ryder Foundation is to convert Thorpe Hall, a Grade I listed stately home near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, into a cancer hospice. Conservationists wanted the 1656 building worth £400,000 saved for the community.

End of the line

The 150-year-old Number Eight rail workshop at Derby, which used to make steam and diesel engines, has been finally closed by British Rail Engineering with the loss of 200 jobs. Most of the staff went into voluntary retirement.

Fire kills boy

John MacKay, aged two, died in the smoke-filled living room of his family's home at Ellismuir Street, Coatbridge, Strathclyde, yesterday after his father was driven back by smoke from burning furniture.

Collins death

Joe Collins, the theatrical agent and father of Joan, the actress, and Jackie, the novelist, died yesterday aged 85 at his home in Regent's Park, north London, several weeks after contracting a kidney infection.

Alarm call cut

South Yorkshire police who answered 14,749 calls from "silent" burglar alarms last year found only 1,116 were genuine. Now they are refusing to answer those alarms which are regularly defective.

Cardiff games

People who have had heart, lung and kidney transplant operations will compete against each other in track and field events at the British Transplant Games in Cardiff this July.

160 jobs lost

About 160 of the 460 employees at Bentley Engineering, the textile machinery makers of Leicester, were made redundant yesterday, 48 hours after the firm went into receivership.

£8.5m by-pass

An £8.5 million by-pass on the A11 at Thetford, Norfolk, to ease congestion for motorists heading for east coast resorts, is to go ahead, the Department of Transport announced yesterday.

Gang battle

Two people were recovering in hospital yesterday after English and Welsh gangs clashed in in Oswestry, Shropshire.

Girls fail maths 'due to bias'

Deep-rooted social attitudes are the reason girls do not do as well at mathematics as boys, according to a report published today.

A London University research team says problems start from the moment children enter school at five.

Boys who are bright but disruptive are tolerated, while bright girls are regarded as a problem. By the time they leave school the girls, who are just as bright as the boys, are much less likely to have done well at mathematics.

Fewer women than men get jobs requiring numeracy skills, says the report, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and based on research over the past 16 years.

"There are massive problems confronting girls in mathematics, but the failure of women to enter higher grade careers requiring mathematics can in no way be attributed to general poor performance among girls."

The report says girls in schools do as well as boys of the same ability.

But they are "everywhere surrounded by gender divisions which represent girls as unreasoning, irrational and passive".

The report says it is not so much that girls have problems, as that problems are "created for them".

It calls on teachers to re-examine their own attitudes to ensure they are not holding back bright girls.

It concludes: "The time has come to review how seriously society is really prepared to take the undoubted talent of girls."

The report comes at a sensitive time for the Government. Its national curriculum proposals would make mathematics compulsory for all pupils to the age of 16.

Ferry passage for sad Bernie's heir

By Kerry Gill

The death of Bernie the lovestruck bull who drowned while swimming a 300-yard sound to mate with cows on the tiny Scottish island of Vatersay was not in vain.

His lucky successor to the centuries-old tradition will be transported from Barra to Vatersay in the comparative luxury of a ferry. Government officials will be on hand to make sure that the new bull, scheduled to make the crossing on April 13, is taken to Vatersay, in the Western Isles, by boat so ending an ancient spring custom.

The tradition of swimming a bull across the sound to Vatersay from Barra goes back, islanders say, to the time of Christ. Thousands of bulls have safely swum the sound without coming to grief but, exactly a year ago, Bernie, a six-year-old Aberdeen Angus, drowned.

At a resulting court case, the three islanders responsible for Bernie's crossing were cleared of causing the bull unnecessary suffering.

Mr John MacNeil, one of the crofters who was charged at Lochmaddy Sheriff Court, said swimming a bull across

the sound was both the safest and cheapest method.

However all bulls supplied by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, must now be taken over by boat.

Bernie's successor is to be chosen in the next few days from more than 100 bulls waiting to see who will be awarded one of the most sought after jobs in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

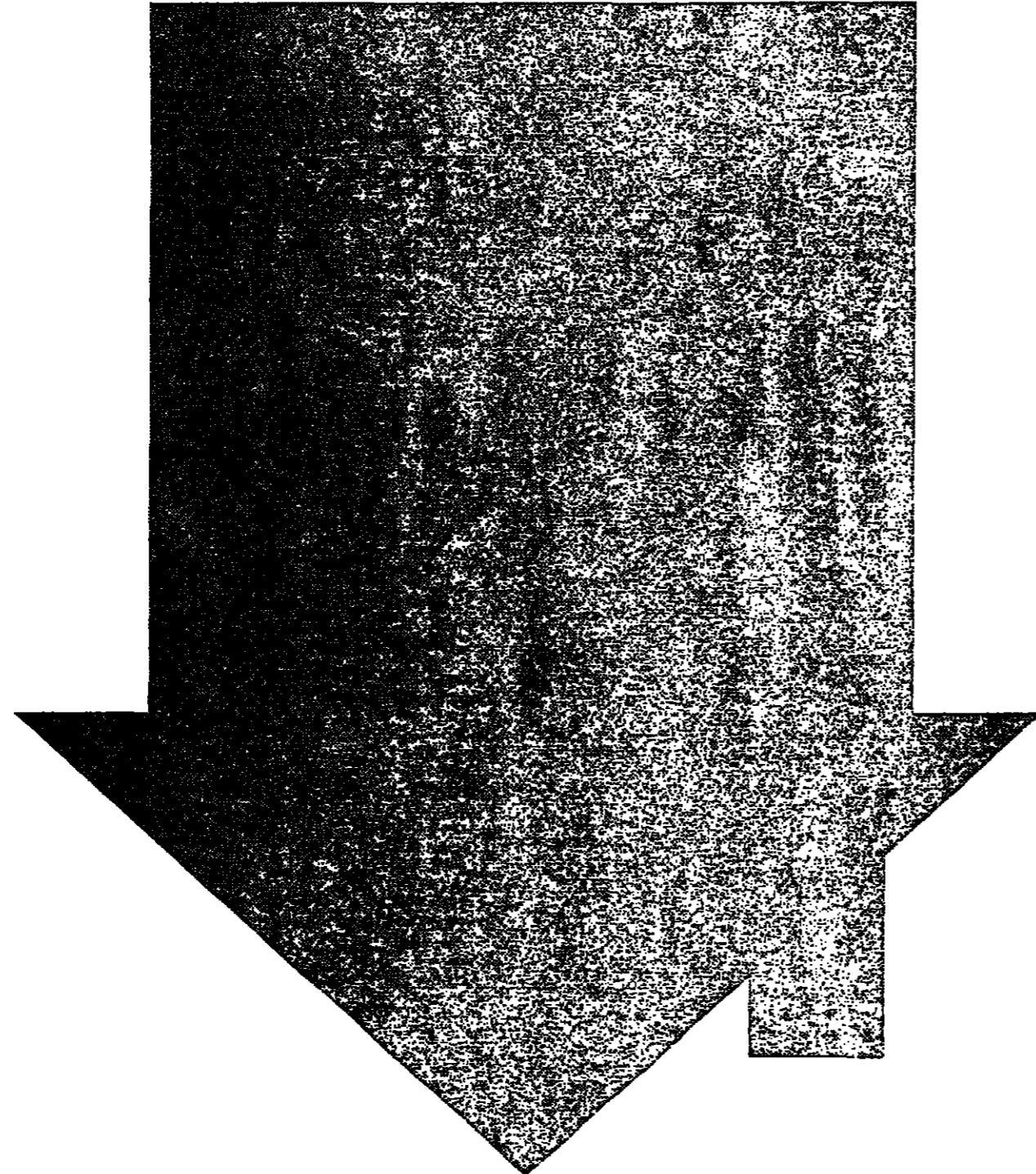
Observers will be present to make sure that the new bull is not made to swim the sound to Vatersay, although Bernie was the first bull to drown since 1969.

At the time some crofters said that Bernie had spotted cattle on the Barra side of the sound and had been reluctant to make the crossing preferring to exercise his charms on the Barra cows.

Mr MacNeil, who has supervised 25 bull crossings with no losses, said the crofters hoped to be given another Aberdeen Angus bull like Bernie.

Bernie's real name, it emerged during the court case in January, was Ty-isha or Second Sight.

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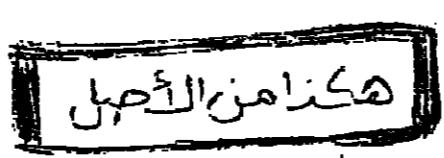
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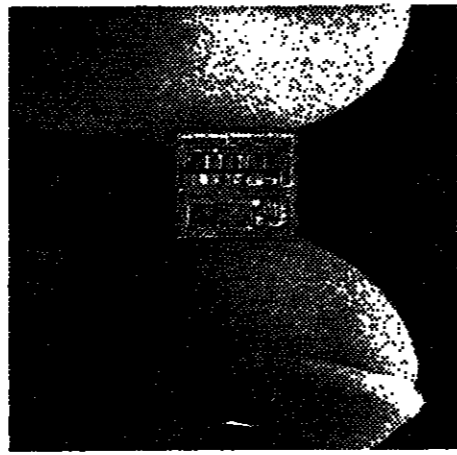
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Singapore After Hong Kong, on to this other far-flung outpost on which the sun has already set...

Why did 43 people choose to run in the gruelling Sydney to Melbourne ultra-marathon, held recently? Someone said Ian Botham was on the plane.

Our old friend Zola Budd has been at it again. As we know, she recently made a stirring statement about her commitment to Britain and to the cause of British athletics.

As the pools of water spread on the outfield at Lord's, I hear that the Italian season began two weeks ago...



BARRY FANTONI

Not everyone sees the pursuit of literature and the writing of books in quite the same way that I do.

Back to Ian Botham for the quote of the week, if not the decade. When Australian police questioned him about Allan Winter, his headlock victim on That Plane Trip, Botham replied: "He just happened to be on the wrong plane at the wrong time."

The greatest ice hockey player of all time is, of course, Wayne Gretzky. When you are nicknamed "The Great One" you are likely to be pretty good.

Senator Robert Dole's formal withdrawal from the Republican presidential race removes the last impediment to the nomination of Vice-President George Bush.

Richard Bookhiser explains how George Bush will win Strength of being earnest



Bush: performing best when beleaguered Jackson: no hope if he gets Democratic nomination

deadlocked process—a situation in which no candidate has a commanding lead after the last primaries on June 7.

of his Democratic rivals, is negotiating with the governor of New Hampshire.

How will he run between now and November? Who he will be running against is still very much up in the air.

That leaves Governor Michael Dukakis and Senator Albert Gore. Gore has tried to steal a march on Dukakis by running to his right.

Thirty years ago Redgrave's once considerable reputation as painter and teacher was at its nadir: now he is the subject of a rehabilitating exhibition in the very museum whose board of survey ordered the destruction of his work.

He argues that limited funds are best applied to an acquisitions policy based on frequency or permanence of display, he implies that museums are cluttered with unnecessary possessions deteriorating in condition.

The burden of his argument is that all must be orderly and accountable. The Comptroller utterly fails to understand the problems that confront museums, and the disorder in which they must necessarily work.

In an implied rebuke to the library of the V&A the latest report states that 15 per cent of the books require immediate major repairs, 25 per cent intermediate minor repairs and 60 per cent "some attention".

Most of the miniatures in the V&A require conservation, it seems. Painted on ivory, a hygroscopic material with a tendency to flex, this is inevitable without humidity control.

Brian Sewell A case of arts for oblivion



There is an immediate remedy, it lies in ad hoc practical measures, and the discreet employment of outside conservators on an irregular basis.

Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

Congeeing pot

New York Tom Wolfe's brilliant and extraordinary novel Bonfire of the Vanities, 22 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list (and No 1 in Britain for more than a month) occasioned a most peculiar type of teeth-gritting review when it came out here last autumn.

SCIENCE REPORT

Kill-y-cat

A well-fed cat, purring in front of the fire, may seem the epitome of contented domesticity. But once out of the home the cat reveals its roots as a ferocious predator.



Paul Bryman

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HOLMES Generation Holmes's last novel... it does not free Holmes from the memory of his earlier crimes...

New tower is discovered on Hadrian's Wall

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

The unexpected discovery of a new tower on Hadrian's Wall has helped to date major reconstruction of this northern frontier of the Roman Empire. It also fills in the longest gap between the usually regularly spaced towers that served as lookouts and shelters along the wall.

Rare 'trow' boat heads for museum



Boat builder Paul Turner working on The Spry, one of the last flat-bottomed 'trow' cargo boats once common on the River Severn, which is being restored at a cost of £100,000 by the Ironbridge Gorge Museum in Shropshire. Seven Douglas fir trees are to be felled for the masts. (Photograph: John Snowdon).

PERSONAL COLUMNS

Let us try to know the Lord. He will come to us as surely as the day dawns, as surely as the sun rises that water the earth. Hosea 6:3.

DEATHS PETTAM On March 27th 1988. Dorothy at Oakwood Hospital, Maudstone. Funeral service at Maudstone Crematorium, Sutton Road, Maudstone on Wednesday April 6th at 2pm with Chris.

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Danes open Neilsen music museum

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

More than 50 years after the death of its greatest composer, Carl Nielsen, Denmark has finally opened a museum dedicated to him in Odense, on the Baltic island of Funen. Nielsen (1865-1931) was born near Odense, which is this year celebrating its 1,000th anniversary...

University news

Edinburgh Professor Dennis Harding, of the department of archaeology, will be a vice-principal for three years from April. He recently served for three years as dean of the faculty of arts.

Sale room

A pretty record

In one of the few auctions to take place in the British Isles on Good Friday, Phillips of Edinburgh offered British watercolours and claimed a record of £24,750 for a typical work by the queen of the cottage gardens, Helen Allingham.

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Church news

Appointments The Rev. J. Malcolm Acheson, Curate, diocese of London; to be Vicar of St. Andrew's, London.

Church news

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A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

And the Word was made art

From the desert of modern art a renaissance is blossoming. Sarah Jane Checkland finds that artists are rediscovering the inspiration of their predecessors

Easter is here: the time for Christians to survey the wondrous Cross and its implications for mankind. But if like our forefathers, we look to the Church to supply fresh artistic images to inspire our faith, we are likely to be disappointed. Although the history of Western art is largely the history of Christian painting, compared to other centuries, the 20th has been a religious desert.

"Official art in British churches has become a matter of little pious things in little pious places - decorative and nothing else - a legacy of the Arts and Crafts movement," says the Rev Michael Day, priest in charge of St George's Church, Bloomsbury, and chaplain to the London art colleges. "If you are going to reflect the power of God, you have to knock people out."

And yet, as church art flounders and church-going declines (down 350,000 between 1970 and 1985, to 1.2 million regular worshippers), museum and gallery attendances are soaring (up 10 per cent from 1982-1986 to 57 million annually). One interpretation might be that a hunger for inspiring images has been re-awakened.

As a potential contemporary patron of the arts, the Church's problem starts - inevitably - with money. In the days of Duccio and Michelangelo, there were lavish funds to pay for great images. There were, too, private patrons to step in and finance altar-pieces. Nowadays, potential patrons are market-based, and renamed "sponsors". Any reflected glory must shine on their products.

Another setback, according to Father Day, is the legacy of the Reformation: "There is a general suspicion of church art, that it is somehow wicked." He has observed a dread of "Bohemians" among his fellow clergymen, of the sort of people who "might swear in church".

He tells a story of prejudice expressed against Jacob Epstein in the 1960s. Invited by the architect Basil Spence to make a sculpture of St Michael and the Devil for the new Coventry Cathedral, Epstein almost had the commission cancelled because the Reconstruction Committee was concerned that he was both a Jew and a controversial artist. Eventually it was prepared to confirm the commission only on condition that he submitted a model for approval.



Faith, hope and clarity: using his own body as a mould, Anthony Gormley has employed the Cross as a striking exercise in symbolism by a Londonderry churchyard; his work now been defaced by sectarian graffiti

Art historians have also conspired against artists, who have been trapped for the last 100 years on a treadmill of "progressive" styles, from Impressionism to Cubism and abstraction to conceptualism, as though following a creed of innovation and nothing else.

But even if there has been a tyranny, many giants of the 20th century still arrived at their images through spiritual, albeit not strictly Christian, means. Kandinsky and Mondrian, two of the first abstract artists, were spurred on by a conviction that Impressionism lacked meaning, and that artists must find a way of reinvigorating art; they talked in terms of inducing "vibrations" in the soul of the perceiver, and criticized both Picasso and Matisse for having "nothing to say". The swirling lines that surround

Munch's subjects resulted from his interest in the occult, while the Italian futurists Balla and Severini arrived at their "dissolution of materiality" through the influence of spiritualism.

In the 1930s, however, such preoccupations became unpopular among the avant-garde when Hitler took to theosophy, with its notion that people are surrounded by an "Odic" force. But the search for the profound was to be resumed. In 1943, the abstract expressionists Mark Rothko, Barnett Newman and Leon Gottlieb wrote to *The New York Times* to claim that their art was "concerned with the sublime. It is a religious art which through symbols will catch the basic truth of life".

By contrast, surrealism (with its concern for the ego and the self) and the minimalism of the 1970s (with its cry of "art for art's sake") are exceptions. Their influence, as well as pure market forces, continues in much contemporary art.

Nevertheless, a renaissance is there to be discovered by those willing to look beyond the Church for inspiring work. Liberated from the dogma of progressive styles, many British artists are returning to an emphasis on content. At the student level, Father Day has noticed a dramatic change in attitude to religion in art schools. "When I first started going in to the Royal College of Art 20 years ago, people said, 'Who the hell is he?' Now there are young artists in college who actually want to be religious painters."

Two general categories of approach can be identified. First comes that which loosely continues the humanist tradition, using the human body, or even everyday objects, as receptacles for profound expression. The British artist Jane Dowling, a Christian who finds the liturgy "a constant source of inspiration", says:

"There is no such thing as Christian art. Catholic art. There is just art and non-art, and the criteria for establishing which is one and which is the other have nothing to do with faith. A study of an onion on a plate could be as 'religious' as a painting of the Crucifixion."

She points to the still-life canvasses of Chardin, the 18th century French painter, as "some of the most religious in existence", echoing Stanley Spencer's conviction that even the most mundane things partake of the life eternal.

Second are the pragmatists, who profess no faith but through moving human experiences have arrived at archetypal images in their art. Henry Moore's preoccupation with images of the mother and child could be seen in this light. Now the contemporary British painter Eileen Cooper, who recently became a mother herself, follows suit, with a series of self-portraits with her baby boy, which reflect a tradition of altar pieces going back 400 years to Bellini.

Also in this category, perhaps surprisingly, comes Francis Bacon. A self-confessed atheist, he has returned throughout his career to the subject of the Crucifixion. With typical bluntness, he refers to it as an "armature" on which to hang "feelings about behaviour and the way life is". He pities Christ as one might a beast about to be slaughtered, saying: "As a non-believer, it was just an act of man's behaviour, a way of behaviour to another." Some think his work beyond redemption; others find in it a powerful catharsis.

Next comes the art - often abstract - which seeks to tune into the transcendent. Among its practitioners is the British abstract sculptor Alison Wilding, who, like the ancient icon painters, suspends the rules of perspective

in favour of higher universal laws. As a result, a mood of peace emanates from within her work - which, in physical terms, often amounts to no more than lumps of wood on a wall. Therese Oulton, another British abstract artist, dwells on the idea that all matter is potentially spirit in her large, heaving compositions. Her paintings bear such titles as "Heart of the Matter" and "Mortal Coil".

Running parallel with humanism and transcendentalism comes the British tradition of romanticism, exemplified by the quiet, reflective paintings of John Piper. Now the young artist Richard Kenton Webb is painting Biblical scenes in which he takes some of the key episodes from the Easter story, such as the entombment and the agony in the garden, and, with some help from Rembrandt and William Blake, creates strongly atmospheric paintings.

The most prevalent symbol of all in this emergent Christian art movement is the Crucifixion. The Ampleforth-educated sculptor Anthony Gormley has used his own body as a mould from which to cast a series of double cruciform figures, situated along the walls of Londonderry. Now defaced by sectarian graffiti, they form a striking exercise in symbolism in that strife-torn place.

Inevitably, there are also the opportunists. Although brought up a Glasgow Catholic, Adrian Wisniewski is arguably among the cynics. In "Toying With Religion", he has painted two "non-believers bored with being atheists", turning their backs on the state church in order to investigate "religion", symbolized by a giant opium bud - a punning reference to the Marxist definition of religion. Despite its overt cynicism, the painting has an underlying seriousness in its theme of man's capacity to pervert religion.

Finally come those who use religious imagery to deceive. The "living artists" Gilbert and George make huge back-lit photographs which entail a combination of Pre-Raphaelite and stained-glass imagery. Instinctively, the viewer responds with excitement to these towering images, an emotion which turns to revulsion when the subject matter is identified. In "Drunk with God", for example, the work is punctuated by the disembodied heads of the artists, youths bearing staves, and human excrement. Gilbert and George may be reflecting the truth

of our time, but their work focuses only on the baser side.

Perhaps it is time for the churches again to make use of the power of art. Last September, Chichester Cathedral presented an exhibition titled "Seven Artists in a Spiritual Context", featuring Jane Dowling, John Piper and Richard Kenton Webb. Father Day is holding exhibitions in the crypt of St George's, mixing religious and secular art. It may be time he and his colleagues took 20th century art even further - right to the centre of worship.

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TRAVEL 1

More us are going the full distance

TRAVEL NEWS

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Down Under freedom

Jet Set has introduced a new voucher scheme for independent travellers to Australia and New Zealand who do not want to be tied down by a rigid itinerary...

Northwest Airlines is to implement a complete ban on smoking on all its flights within North America from April 23, the same day that a federal law banning smoking on US domestic flights...

Seoul searching

British Airways is to introduce a weekly service from London to the South Korean capital, Seoul, in the autumn in time of the Olympic Games...

Don't miss the bus

Greyhound is a new go-ahead pass giving unlimited travel on all its long distance bus routes within Canada...

Short breaks used to mean nothing more ambitious than weekend in the Cotswolds... but Thomson Holidays (01 387 6534) is extending the idea to cover mini holidays in Hong Kong this summer...

Affordable fjords

The introduction of charter flights from the UK to Scandinavia this summer is producing more price cuts on inclusive holidays...

Philip Ray

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The new-look Travellers' pocket interpreters (Richard Dean Publishing, £1.99) come in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Greek and Portuguese, as well as Euramate...

Jenny Tabakoff



City breaks: Seville (top) and (above) Gaudi's Casa La Pedrera, Barcelona

Spring is a time to be thinking of migrating - even if only for a couple of days. European resorts which become intolerably crowded in high summer can be a delight to visit in April and May...

If you are tempted to fly south just for the weekend, do choose your flight timings carefully. Many short-break package operators use the less popular scheduled flights which depart and return in the middle of the day...

However, it is possible, especially if you travel independently, to leave Britain after work on Friday, or early Saturday morning, and return late on Sunday or Monday evening...

Stay in a modern parador with a good pool at Aguablava (book through Keytel on 01-402 8182) or simply turn up at small family-run hotels and pensions where rooms are plentiful and cost around £10-£20 a night for a double...

Take flight, the spring is back with us again

A weekend break can take in anything from the astonishing architecture of Barcelona to the Monaco Grand Prix or even a trip to New York, says Gill Charlton



City breaks: Seville (top) and (above) Gaudi's Casa La Pedrera, Barcelona

Heathrow to Madrid, departing at 7.30pm, returning at 5pm. £128 return.

The French Riviera is another favourite for early summer breaks, but avoid the Cannes Film Festival in mid-May. British Airways and Air France both have good flight timings to Nice...

There is a good choice of scheduled and charter flights to Italian cities. Pegasus Skybus (01-835 1259) and Pilgrim-Air (01-637 5333) offer a selection from Gatwick and Luton from £59 return.

ochre-painted villages and above dramatic cliffs sweeping down the sea. May is delightful in Santa Margherita, picture-postcard Portofino and Rapallo.

Finally, New York is the fashionable place to spend a long weekend. Virgin Holidays (0293 77511) has three-night weekends, departing on Thursdays at 1pm, arriving back at Gatwick at 9am on Mondays...

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TRAVEL 2

Saga of ice and fire

Hilary Finch finds Iceland is a breath of clear, cold air laced with fish and alcohol, and stands upon the trembling earth behind the protection of a lava dam

At 6pm on the evening of September 12, what looked like a stream of milky lava began to turn the corner of a hillside and spill down in all directions on to the road.

The local population may well have better things to do than show you the way to the nearest geyser, but September is a fine time of year to visit Iceland.

That was why I went. I knew I couldn't be tempted. Why, as Louis Macneice asked, "go north from Cyprus and Madeira de jure if not de facto are much nearer?"

Time was limited. I followed the instinct of the earliest settlers and landed first at Reykjavik, Ingólfur Arnarson's "smoky bay"; and then at Húsavík, the "bay of houses" founded by the Swedish Viking, Gardar Svarvarsson.

conditioned renovation, it is the cold, salt smell of wind and fish, laced with a fugitive fume of alcohol.

I went without the beer and caught the bus. The old fishing town sparkled viridian green and scarlet in the ice-bright northern sun.

Downhill and downtown, in the fashionable Laugatur, the caçoule and clog brigade dine at the surly, overpriced One-Woman-Vegetarian-Restaurant.

That is where the coaches lure you. The triangle of Gullfoss, Geysir and Thingvellir is irresistible; but beware the latterday saga-telling of the driver.

The real saga-land is north and west, to the Breidafjörður and the Laxdæla. But there is another Lax river, equally thick with salmon and busy with Harlequin ducks.

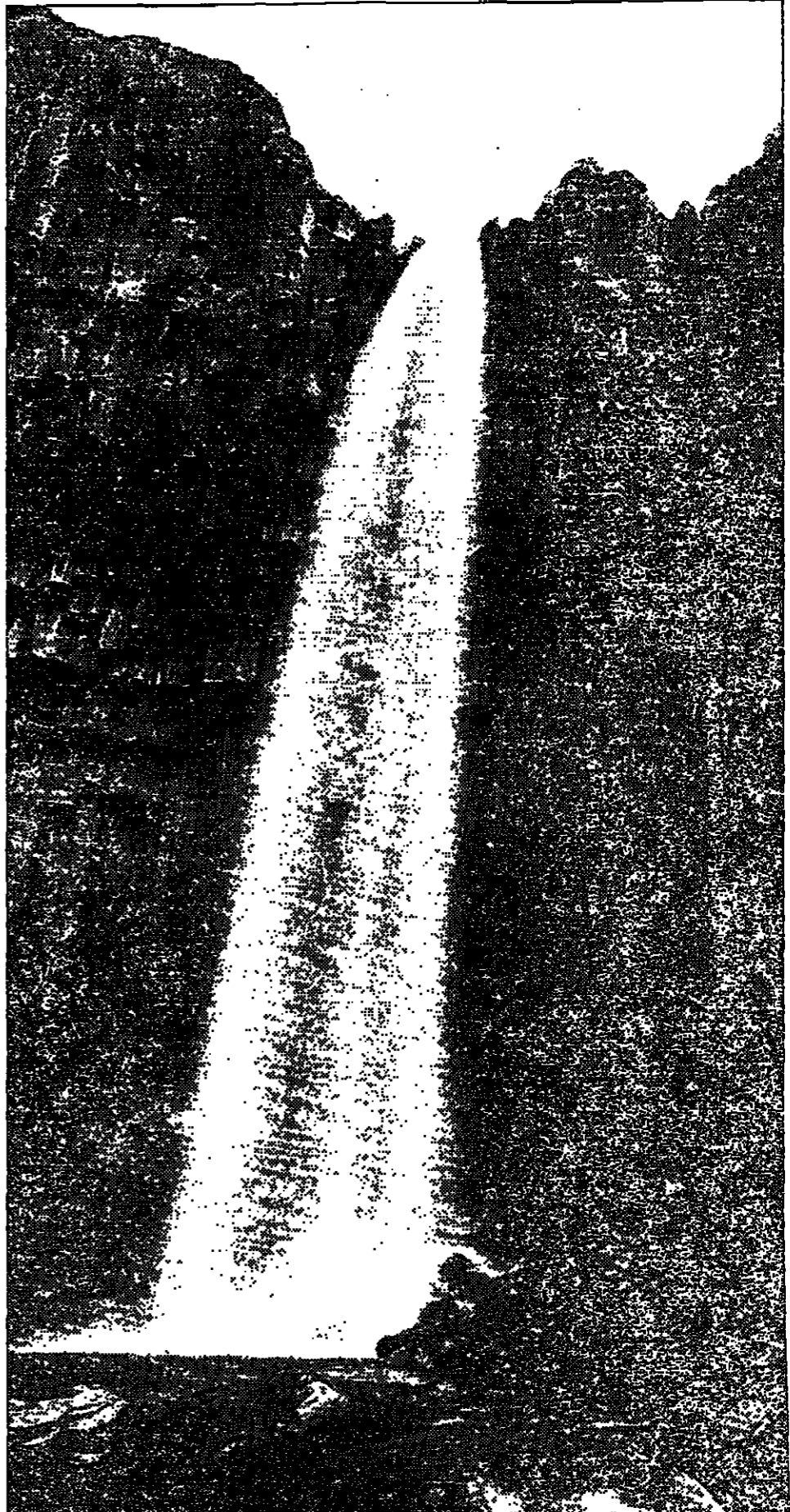


TRAVEL NOTES

Twickers World offer the most imaginative range of holidays: from cosy hotel tours to challenging independent treks.

I stayed at the headquarters of the Nordic Vulcanological Institute: every morning the seismologist would bunk off with his briefcase and I would start the 12-mile walk to Hell.

The miles of hummocky black lava overflow, only three years old, crusts the fragile surface of earth which is constantly shifting under one's feet.



A sense of drama permeates Iceland's scenery: above, a sheer drop of water at Stratfoss and, top left, a wild, deserted stretch of cliff and the coastline at Keftlavik

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THE TIMES COOK

Frances Bissell offers some appropriately seasonal dishes, including a recipe created for The Times

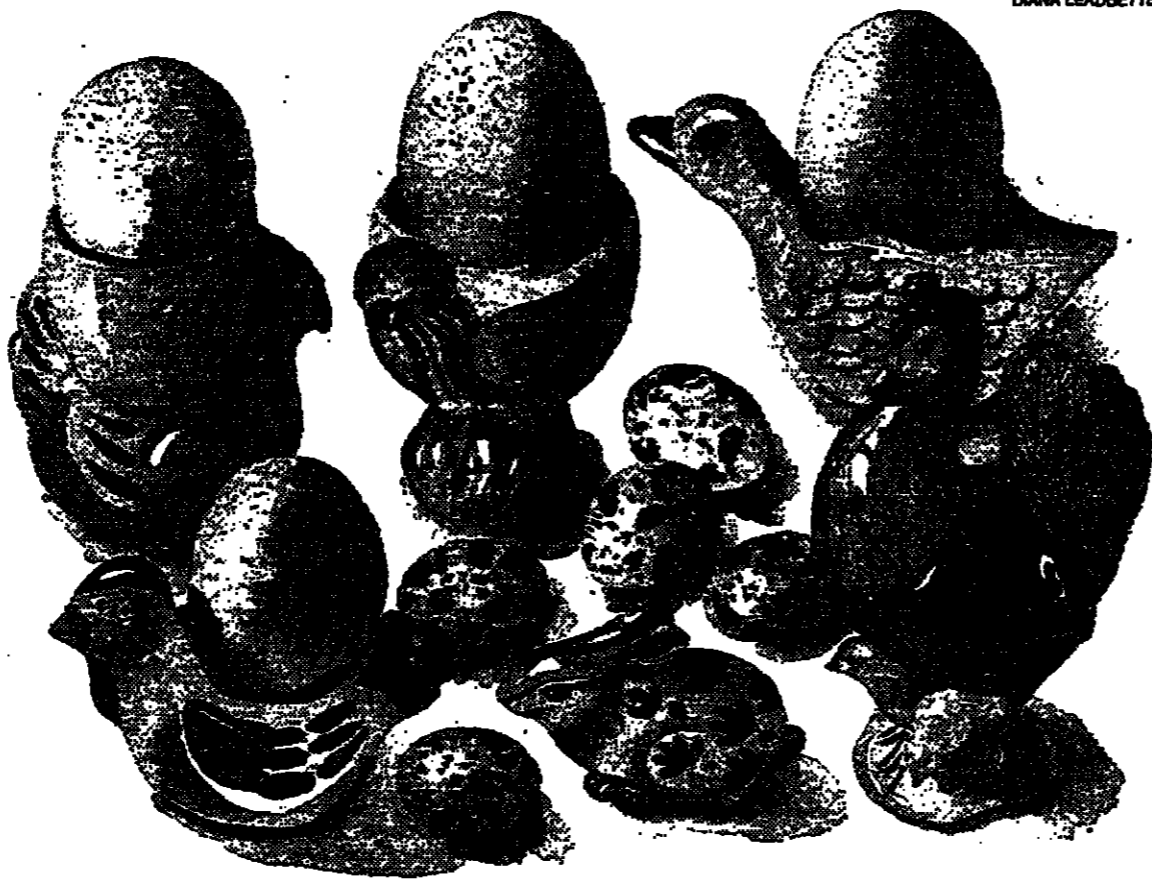
First came the egg

It will not come as a surprise to learn that eggs are going to feature in today's recipes...

The pièce de résistance is the soufflé. A smoked haddock soufflé with sweet pepper vinaigrette...

Soufflés are not difficult to make if you follow the instructions carefully...

Peter Kromberg's smoked haddock soufflé with a sweet pepper vinaigrette...



DIANA LEADBETTER

- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons grape seed oil
2 tablespoons light olive oil
salt and pepper to taste

Put the milk in a wide shallow pan, and gently poach the haddock until just cooked...

Separate the eggs, putting one whole egg and three egg yolks with the milk in the bowl...

In case you are wondering what to do with the boned leg of lamb you ordered from the butcher...

- 1 leg of lamb, boned, weighing about 4lbs/1.8kg
1 pork fillet, about 8-10oz/230-280g
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon finely crushed black peppercorns

EATING OUT

Flavours of the West

Bristol is the wine bar capital of the West. I mean the Western World, not merely the West of England...

The open-neckedness of the city has favoured, in addition to wine bars, enthusiastically amateur bistros by the score...

potato gallette, mussels and spinach with an elusive curry sauce; both signalled the current French fondness for the orient...

Some Bristol traditions are real, uninvited. One such is the accent, which accounts for the name of the place...



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Keep an eye on sparklers

Spring has sprung, and the sparkling wine season is upon us. Perhaps the Chancellor was thinking of the instant revenue when he slapped an extra 6p duty on sparkling wines...

Champagne might still be the Rolls Royce of the sparkling wine world but there are excellent taste-alikes available at half the price.

In recent years Pierre Vaudon Brut, the pleasant house bubbly from Haynes, Hanson & Clarke has been spotted.

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REVIEW

From rock to schlock

ROCK RECORDS

Eddy Grant: File Under Rock (Blue Wave PCS 7320)
Aswad: Distant Thunder (Mango ILPS 9895)
Was (Not Was): What Up Dog? (Fontana SFLP 4)

At a recent charity gala, it was instructive to see how at ease the dreadlocked Eddy Grant looked in the company of Bill Wyman...

Many of the songs here begin with bone-crunching guitar and drum salvos that resolve themselves into a graceful mélange of rock, disco and occasional reggae rhythms.

Such nimble running with the pop hare, the rock hounds, and the political gamekeeper gives the impression that much of File Under Rock is a musical sleight of hand: good lightweight fun, but how much of it does he mean?

After many years of flaunting their musical ingenuity for little commercial gain, the "brothers" Don and Dave Was of Was (Not Was) have fulfilled their destiny as hit-makers...

The Wases compounded an early enthusiasm for the Motown sounds emanating from their native Detroit by recruiting the bona fide soul singers Harry Bowen and Sweet Pea Atkinson...

Feargal Sharkey's second album, Wish, is a sophisticated catalogue of soul and Motown-inspired themes which reflects the former Belfast punk's status as a man of increasing wealth and taste.

On Chalk Mark in a Rain Storm, Joni Mitchell skilfully plots the accepted musical co-ordinates for a mature artist in the late Eighties, with guest musicians including Peter Gabriel and his extraordinarily evocative drummer, Manu Katché...

David Sinclair



Covering all the bases: the latest album is lightweight fun, but how much does Grant mean it?

Black, white and the singing of one blood

PAPERBACKS

Bloodsong, by Ernst Havemann (Harnish Hamilton, £5.95)
Where black meets white in literature about South Africa, there is always the suspicion that propaganda will take over.

In Bloodsong, a young white boy gives permission for a gathering of blacks to cross his father's land on the Path of the Ancients. Watching the clan gathering - the only white among the massed blacks - the boy helps an injured man and then is asked to leave: tribal rituals cannot be practised in front of a white man.

Sarah Edworthy

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

- FICTION: Caleb Williams, by William Godwin (Penguin Classics, £4.95)
NON-FICTION: Pagans and Christians, by Robin Lane Fox (Penguin, £7.95)

Medieval masterpiece

Machaut: Messe de Notre Dame. Taverner Concerto for Violin. EMI CDC 7 47049-2

A higher Art revealed

Art Tatum: The Complete Trio Sessions with Tiny Grimes and Slam Stewart. Vols 1 and 2 (Official 301/302)

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday, April 18. Entries should be sent to The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday, April 23.

ACROSS
1 Culinary snag should the Nancy Bell survivor overlook the last ingredient in the pot (Gilbey) (3,4,5,3,5)
15 Levantine is one accommodating king in retreat (7)
16 Stop or pass on (5)
17 Scrub, not unnaturally, the player whom the builder might employ (13)

Concise Jumbo Crossword
There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Monday
ACROSS
1 Central doctors' body (7,7,11)
15 Torrid zone (7)
16 Long hooded anorak (5)
17 Sharing similar problems (2,3,4,4)
18 Practised (9)
19 Long pillow (7)
20 Italian lagoon people (9)
21 Eight note intervals (7)
22 Frankness (7)
23 Beats with headgear (6,5)
24 With spatial sound effect (12)
25 Formerly withdraws (7)
26 Vivant A and rosin oil (7)
27 Carved Japanese toggle (7)
28 To be kept sacred (10)
29 Early boyhood (7)
30 Spanish cabal (9)
31 Thwartens (7)
32 Determinedly (8)
33 Adjust vessel balance (8,4)
34 Body-building compound (7)
35 Until that time (9)
36 Hard buff cotton (7)
37 Military prison (10)
38 As satellite's path (7)
39 Uses influence on (7)
40 Fly, midge, mosquito family (7)
41 Senses Middle East shows (5,6)

SOLUTION TO NO 1529
ACROSS: 1 Prefab 4 Lunatic 7 Oise 8 Marksmen 9 Bully 12 Hook of Holland 15 Coven 16 Obesity 28 Earl Haig 21 Only 22 Tremor 23 Tarred

SOLUTION TO NO 1524
ACROSS: 1 Media 4 Secure 7 Kiss 8 Near-side 9 Graham Greene 15 Skirts 16 Sirdar 17 Anne Hathaway 23 Shadowed 24 Dole 25 Turn in 26 Scored

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OPERA HEAD HUNTER: Maria Ewing was first heard as Richard Strauss's Salome when she performed in Los Angeles...



FILMS OFF THE AIR: William Hurt plays a slick TV reporter whose reports are not always to be trusted in Broadcast News (15), a solidly acted drama...



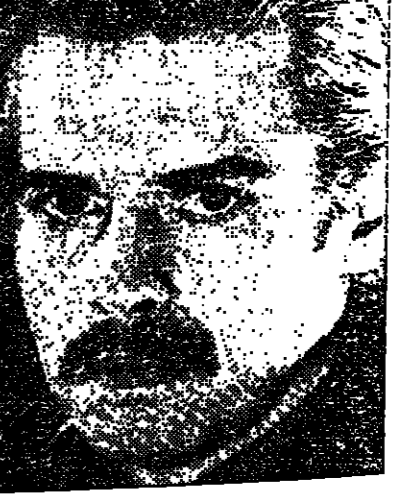
BOOKS MINE CRIME: Reginald Hill's latest, Under World, is set in a Yorkshire mining village still reeling from the Scargill strike...



GALLERIES SEX OBJECTS: Gwen Hardie, though still only 26, has already established a reputation as a painter of direct pictures about fertility and female sexuality...



CONCERTS GLOBE TROTTER: Michael Tilson Thomas, just back from a visit to Australia, on Thursday conducts the first of two concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra...



THEATRE POETIC LICENCE: Nigel Terry plays Lord Byron in Bloody Poetry, the first of Three Plays for Utopia by Howard Brenton...

ANYTHING FOR A QUIET LIFE: Theatre de Complicite in the London debut of their latest show, ending a national tour...

CONCERTS JARVI/LPO: The LPO is conducted by Neeme Jarvi in Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol...

RADIO A SONG AT TWILIGHT: Michael Denison, Dulcie Gray and Jill Bennett in Noel Coward's last full-length play...

PHOTOGRAPHY A-Z OF PRINTING PROCESS: Virtually every 19th-century photographic printing process is illustrated...

FILMS ON TV NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Alice in Wonderland and Aurora's Wedding make up this week's bill to be followed by a week of Coppelia...

OPERA ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Nicholas Hytner's new production of The Magic Flute with Helen Fitts, John Rausley and Lesley Garrett continues tonight...

WIM WENDERS: German film director Wenders is the focus of a series of lectures before a special preview of his latest film Wings of Desire...

ROCK ART GARFUNKEL: Old Bright Eyes' first British tour for six years. Tomorrow, Edinburgh Playhouse...

WALKS HIDDEN CURIOUS & COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet today, St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Sat).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS Continued from facing page SATURDAY BBC1 WALES: 12.30pm-1.25pm Sports...

TELEVISION WAINWRIGHT IN SCOTLAND: The veteran folk writer and author of meticulous hand-written guides to the Lake District returns to his favourite Scottish landscapes...

GRANADA As London Mission Gatacata 11.50pm-1.00pm: A Spy 1.40pm-1.55pm: Three Men and a Cradle 2.30pm-3.00pm...

BIRMINGHAM: As You Like It: Renaissance Theatre Company, directed by Geraldine McEwan, with Kenneth Branagh...

OUT OF TOWN BIRMINGHAM: Godspell: Alvin Stardust in Paul Kerrison's new production of the John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz musical...

GALLERIES CRITICAL REALISM: 28 artists, including cartoonist Gerald Scarfe and painter Peter Howson, use a variety of media to take a critical look at Britain in the 1980s...

DANCE ROYAL BALLET has a new cast in Serenade tonight and Jennifer Penny has withdrawn from Bugaku...

WALKS PICTURESQUE HEMPTSTEAD VILLAGE & THE HEATH: meet tomorrow, Hampstead tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Sun).

WORLD SERVICE The Times Radio 1: 1.00pm-2.00pm: The Day After Tomorrow 2.00pm-2.30pm...

FILMS THE BELIEVERS (18): Boisterous occult thriller from director John Schlesinger, with Martin Sheen as the police psychologist who becomes involved with a mysterious sacrificial cult...

WORD-WATCHING KEWPIE (b) The keepie doll, a chubby doll with a curl of topknot on its head, like an infant Tintin...

THE 20th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King (above) is marked on three of the four radio networks...

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SATURDAY

TELEVISION AND RADIO

SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

CHOICE

Walton, Delius and the Lloyd-Webbers. He is against music critics and Sir Michael Tippett. He flies a flag for the neglected (Bax, Bridge, Butterworth) and the understated (Havergal Brian). Presented in slant-bang pop video style, the show is often inventive and always lively...



Ken Russell mourns neglected artists during his alphabetical musical trip in A South Bank Show Special (ITV, 10.20pm)



Hollis: former head of MI5 but was he also a KGB agent? A jury decides in The Trial of Sir Roger Hollis (ITV 9.15pm)

CHOICE

The Spycatcher affair and the recent decision of Kim Philby to spread more mischief via an interview with The Sunday Times are the latest chapters in the saga of speculation on the true sympathies of Sir Roger Hollis...

In A South Bank Show Special (ITV, 10.20pm) Ken Russell presents his ABC of British music. It begins, uncontroversially, with A for Arne and "Rule Britannia" but Russell is never uncontro-

hear on two other mysterious figures, Richard III (1984) and Lee Harvey Oswald (1986) a former judge, Bernard Gillis, presides in a replica of an Old Bailey courtroom; a pair of barristers conduct the case; and a jury of 12 members of the public ("randomly selected by Marplan") produces its verdict. Among the witnesses are the journalist Chapman Pincher, who made the first public denunciation of Hollis; Paul Greengrass, co-author of Spycatcher; and Ilya Dzhirkvelov, a former KGB officer who defected to the West in 1980 and maintains the secrecy of his new identity by giving evidence through equipment that distorts both his face and his voice.

Table of television and radio programmes across various channels: BBC1, BBC2, ITV/LONDON, CHANNEL 4. Lists programmes like 'Going Live!', 'The Trial of Sir Roger Hollis', 'The Antarctic', etc.

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THE POUND

US dollar 1.8856 W German mark 3.1224 Trade-weighted 78.1

Decline of dollar continues in Europe

(UPI) - The dollar opened lower yesterday on those European money markets that were open on Good Friday. There was no precious metal trading in London or Zurich, where markets were closed.

The American currency began the day in Paris at FF5.6135, down from Thursday's closing FF5.6250, in Milan at L1,227.5 against L1,230.80 and in Brussels at BFr34.72 against BFr34.86.

Markets in London, Zurich, Frankfurt and Amsterdam were closed for Good Friday, and all will be closed on Monday and resume trading on Tuesday.

Stores set for DIY record

Leading do-it-yourself retailers are expecting record activity this Easter weekend, traditionally the peak time for the start of DIY projects.

Mr Nigel Whittaker, corporate affairs director of Woolworth Holdings, owner of the DIY market leader, B&Q, said: "This week has been extremely strong and we are expecting a record performance this Easter."

FDS chiefs consider rival bids

The directors of Federated Department Stores met yesterday to consider multi-billion dollar takeover bids from rival suitors Campeau Corporation and RH Macy & Co.

A spokesman for Federated, which is based in Cincinnati, Ohio, said that some directors may have been hooked into the meeting by telephone but at least some key players in the fight for the nation's fifth-largest retailer were gathered in New York.

Agreement on US trade bill

Protectionist hawks defeated in Congress

After marathon negotiations, US House of Representatives and Senate officials have agreed on the broad outlines of a comprehensive trade bill which excludes the most protectionist amendments feared by America's allies.

Congressional negotiators defeated the most controversial amendment in the broad trade package, a retaliatory measure against surplus nations which had been a central theme of Mr Richard Gephardt's presidential campaign. Shortly after Thursday's vote a disappointed Mr Gephardt said he would work to defeat the bill from the House floor.

Tax boost for oil majors

The leading oil companies in the United States, including non-US companies such as Shell and BP, are expected to increase their exploration activity, following the abandonment of the windfall profits tax on oil by the US government.

The tax, which was due to end in 1993, was introduced when oil prices soared in the 1970s. However, it has produced no revenue for the past few years, but has cost the oil industry an estimated \$100 million (£53 million) a year to make returns.

The company, the market leader on the US forecourt, is to step up the pace of its exploration activities offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Amoco and Exxon have also announced that they are to increase exploration now that the world oil price is starting to climb above the \$15 a barrel mark.

£400,000 bail for property developer

Mr Patrick Gallagher, a London property developer, has been granted bail totalling £400,000 on charges of false accounting, theft and conspiracy to defraud.

US jobless lowest of decade

The US unemployment rate fell to its lowest level in a decade last month, dispelling any lingering fears that the economy was headed into a recession.

Property group soars 111% in first quarter of 1988

Regentcrest, the fast-growing property company, has finished the first quarter of the year as the best-performing share in the stock market. Shares in the company have more than doubled in value, opening on January 1 at 53p and finishing at 112p before the Easter break, a rise of 111 per cent.

From Bailey Morris, Washington

he would decide, after consultation with the US Treasury, to veto the bill. Because of the frantic, last-minute efforts to complete an agreement before the start of the Easter recess yesterday, many officials were still unclear over what specific provisions remained in the legislation.

Melbourne Age publisher denies sale to Maxwell

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, is not about to buy The Age, David Syme & Company, the paper's publisher said yesterday.

Mr Greg Traylor, the managing director, said he was aware of press reports that the Melbourne broadsheet had been sold to Mr Maxwell's Mirror Group for Aus\$800 million (£316.2 million).

Mr Maxwell had told a press conference in London on Wednesday that he was confident of buying the newspaper.

Parnes back in the US



Reunited: Mr Anthony Parnes, the former stockbroker, is met by his wife Denise and their children on his arrival in Los Angeles after being bailed for £500,000 in London to answer charges in connection with the Guinness affair (Photograph: Lawrence Cottrell)

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Record loss likely at Short

By Robert Rodwell

A record loss is expected to be declared by Short Brothers, the state-owned Belfast aerospace company and Ulster's largest manufacturer, for the financial year which ended on Thursday, when its 1987-88 accounts are published later this year.

The deficit recorded in the year just ended will bring to more than £100 million, the losses Short has returned in the past three years. A new non-executive chairman, Mr Rodney Lund, took over at the Belfast aircraft and missile factories this week, following the retirement on Thursday of Sir Philip Foreman, after 21 years as managing director and the last six years as executive chairman.

Mr Lund, a chartered accountant, arrives at Short without any experience in aerospace but with a formidable reputation in Whitehall as a privatizer, having successfully overseen the break-up and transition to private ownership of the National Bus Company.

Last month, Short announced it was working on the buried design of a 44-seat, twin-jet regional airliner, the FJX, for which they would be seeking, over the next year, collaborative partners to help shoulder the estimated £400 million development and tooling costs.

A new aircraft project is vital if one of Short's three major activities, the design and development of their "own label" aircraft, is to survive. The company's existing aircraft, the 36-seat SD 360 commuter airliner, is nearing the end of its marketing and production life, with gradually declining sales over the next three years of only some 15 to 20 a year produced.

Production and delivery of the Tucano primary trainer for the RAF, meanwhile, is running several months late, final acceptance by the RAF's Controller of Aircraft, having been signed only on Thursday following the completion of service trials at Boscombe Down.

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US jobless lowest of decade

From Our Correspondent, Washington

The US unemployment rate fell to its lowest level in a decade last month, dispelling any lingering fears that the economy was headed into a recession.

The jobless rate dropped to 5.6 per cent in March, based on continued gains in the strong service sector.

Based on the March data - a full point below the 5.7 per cent rate in February - economists predicted growth in the first quarter to expand by a surprisingly resilient 2 per cent.

Analysts had anticipated a sharp slowdown, following the stock market crash in October.

But the new data also revealed that the US job creation "miracle", which has reduced the unemployment rate from 6.5 per cent in March, 1987, may be slowing considerably.

Miss Janet L Norwood, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, said that the expansion of the labour force, which had been caused by job growth, reflected the sharp decline in the US birth rate in the 1960s and 1970s. This has resulted in fewer young people seeking jobs.

The number of "discouraged workers" - those who have given up the job

Property group soars 111% in first quarter of 1988

Regentcrest tops market chart

By Cliff Feltham

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Sequa	370p	+68	Norex	13p	-41
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J Crowther	183p	+61	GC Floor & Furn	45p	-37
Hill & Smith	213p	+60	Babygro Holds	65p	-37

Walker vehicle, has been revitalized under Mr Alan Coult, the managing director, who has embarked on a strategy of buying and developing properties in the West End of London.

According to Chartwell City, the investment research group, Mr Coult is preparing to clinch a deal which will transform it into a £100 million company.

The takeover attempt by

Hospital ease fears of patients. Continued from page 1. ing blood tests in the instance and we must that research through the world has not produced a single instance of a patient being cured from a disease from a doctor. Dr Collings worked at the Alexandria Hospital in the East of London for four months and operated on patients. He operated on people in the East of London for four months. Most of the operations were for varicose veins. Eight patients have since died of natural causes.

Mr Bruce Campbell, a consultant surgeon at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, said Dr Collings had been "brave and very professional". He gave the impression he was a conscientious, dedicated professional who had spent several years in Africa by a sense of duty and compassion.

"He was a sensible and a man who would know when to ask for help," Mr Campbell said. "When Dr Collings had had a stroke, he should have been sent to hospital for a stroke. He was a man who would have been a great asset to any hospital."

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FAMILY MONEY

Capital gains tax: the ins and outs

Investors may be grateful to the Chancellor for allowing indexation of capital gains before levying capital gains tax, but at this time of year when they are actually trying to work the system, most of them are cursing him.

Dorothea Short of Hillingdon, west London, has written to us saying: "You would do your readers an immense service by publishing a formula on how to calculate CGT on shares. If the good fairy appeared to me now, this would be one of my three wishes."

Family Money is delighted to play the good fairy and make one of Mrs Short's wishes come true. We reproduce below the latest official indexation figures as published by the Inland Revenue.

To calculate whether or not your shares or unit trusts are standing at a real profit, first find the figure for the month in which the asset was bought, then multiply the purchase price by the indexation figure.

So, shares bought for, say, £1,000 in January 1983 and sold in February this year would have an indexed value

of £1,255 (£1,000 x 0.255); any gains above this are liable for CGT. If the shares were sold for £1,600, the amount liable for CGT would be £345.

The CGT allowance, which is £6,600 for the year to April 5, cannot be carried over to next tax year. If you do not use it, it is lost forever. And next tax year the allowance falls to £5,000.

Brian Dunk, tax manager at Deloitte Haslkins & Sells, says: "Whatever you do, use this up because it will not arise again." So, even if you do not

want to take capital from your investments, you should review your portfolio with a view to bed and breakfasting - crystallising any gains, and losses and using up the CGT allowance.

Normally the gains and losses of married couples are aggregated, but husbands and wives have the option of asking the Inland Revenue not to set losses of one partner against the gains of the other so that the losses can be carried forward to be used to offset gains in the next tax year.

CGT INDEXATION ALLOWANCE, FEBRUARY 1988

Table with 8 columns (Year) and 12 rows (Month) showing CGT indexation allowance values for February 1988.

A loan cut to 9.4

Mortgage rates came tumbling down this week as the Halifax took the lead by cutting the rate for new borrowers by half a percentage point to 9.8 per cent, writes Vivien Goldsmith.

Lloyds Bank and Sunamito Bank both followed with a half per cent cut, leaving Lloyds Bank mortgages at 10 per cent and Sunamito at 9.4 per cent.

The Japanese bank's marketing officer, Steve Field, says: "We want to be the largest overseas lender in five to 10 years. We are fulfilling our commitment to our borrowers to have the most competitive rate on the market."

New borrowers will get the lower rate from Tuesday and existing borrowers from May 1. The Halifax, on the other hand, has not committed itself to a new lower rate for existing borrowers, but is reviewing the market. National Home Loans cut its LIBOR-linked mortgage rate from 10.1 per cent to 9.67.

The Mortgage Corporation cut its standard rate from 9.95 per cent to 9.75 per cent. Mortgage Express, which is owned by the Trustee Savings Bank, has also cut its rates from 10.2 to 9.75 per cent for purchases and from 10.3 to 9.95 per cent for re-mortgages. The rate for TSB mortgage-holders is not affected.

The Halifax now has about 80 per cent of its 1.5 million borrowers on a system where monthly payments are adjusted just once a year. This saves the building society £250,000 on printing and postage every time a rate changes. Existing borrowers have their rate adjusted every April 1, so the new lower rate will not be reflected in monthly payments until next April.

Banks and building societies are coping with a rush of borrowers trying to get multiple mortgages in place before August 1, when the Budget moves to limit mortgage interest relief to £30,000 a home becomes effective.

Donald Black, managing director of *Black's Mortgage Guide*, said that many lenders were competing by offering more and more generous lending multiples rather than on rates.

Vivien Goldsmith

Pension experts hit at new rules

The Inland Revenue is facing criticism from the pensions industry over proposals for administration of the new pension schemes due to start from next Wednesday.

From then, employees can opt out of company pension schemes. It will also be possible for companies to start a new type of scheme, the contracted-out money purchase scheme, Comp. This aims to provide employees with an alternative to both the final-salary schemes traditionally favoured by companies and to the new personal pensions which will be available to individuals from July 1.

According to the Institute of Actuaries, its Scottish counterpart, the Faculty of Actuaries, and also the National Association of Pension Funds, Inland Revenue proposals for operating Comps could render them highly unattractive, particularly to those wanting to take benefits from their Comp early.

The problem, says the institute is over the Revenue's insistence that Comp schemes operators must say in advance that the benefits will be in line with those allowed for final salary schemes. But benefits from Comps will be built up through the system known as money purchase, where contributions go into an investment pool which builds up a sum of money to use on retirement. The actual amount which is available for a pension is not predictable in the same way as a final salary scheme, which calculates benefits according to a pre-set formula based on the number of years in service and a proportion of salary.

The Institute of Actuaries says it is inappropriate to impose the final salary restrictions on Comps because it will be difficult to keep benefits, particularly for early leavers, within the limits imposed by final salary schemes.

If the Revenue proposal is accepted, some schemes may have to be aborted. The institute and the Faculty of Actuaries have written jointly to Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, to complain about the proposal.

Colin Steward, secretary to the parliamentary committee of the National Association of

Pension Funds, agrees with the actuaries' complaints. "With money purchase schemes, it is totally inappropriate to impose a benefit limit," he said.

Mr Steward says the association has also complained to the Revenue about the proposal.

The Inland Revenue proposals are not, however, being unanimously condemned. Actuaries and consultants Noble Lowndes say that the Revenue will allow for a simplified scheme which does not restrict benefits at all, but limits contributions to 17 1/2 per cent of an employee's salary.

Mr Steward retorts that this option will be unsuitable for the person who wants, or needs, to make larger contributions.

An Inland Revenue spokesman says the complaints raised by the institute and the association are "being looked at urgently". But suggestions that Comps might be grounded before launch are unduly alarmist. The fundamental



Home of the Institute of Actuaries: Staple Inn in London

structure for their operation is in place and there is no reason companies should not go ahead and launch them from next Wednesday.

The Revenue is facing separate criticism from the Association of British Insurers over personal pensions, which will be launched from July 1. The ABI has written to Mr Lamont complaining that Revenue proposals for administering the schemes will burden pension providers with an unreasonable amount of paperwork and administration.

Among other things, they will be required to check and monitor the location of a pension client's tax office and tax reference number.

Maria Scott

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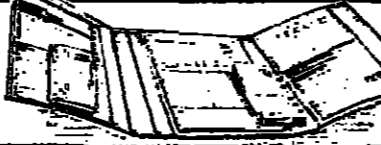
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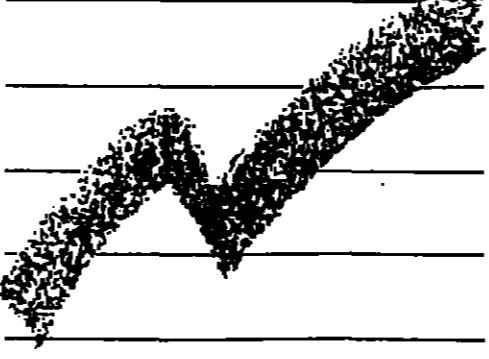
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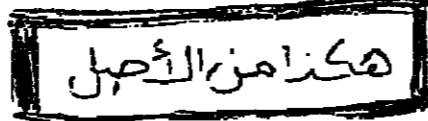
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Two weeks on the Tideway reaches a climax this afternoon with the staging of the 134th Boat Race

Everything points to an Oxford win

By Jim Railton

Oxford are favourites to win the 134th Boat Race today (2.15 p.m.) and retain the Beefeater Gin Trophy, which will be presented by Denis Thatcher. Oxford have every advantage. They are, on average, two years older and have — as the heaviest Boat Race crew on record — an 11lb advantage, weighing in at 14st 11½lb.

Oxford have on board six winning Blues from last year including a crafty coxswain in Andy Lobbenberg. Today's Boat Race will be controlled by Michael Sweeney, a tough and firm umpire.

Oxford also have the expertise of Mike Spracklen, who coached the Olympic and world gold medal winners, Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes. Oxford have on board the tallest and heaviest Boat Race oarsman of all time, Gavin Stewart, rowing at six. Stewart stands 6ft 8½in tall, but at 16st 4½lb is 3½lb lighter than last year when he stroked Oxford to an unexpected victory.

The Oxford crew this year will be stroked by American Rhodes Scholar, Mike Gaffney, backed by an exceptional freshman, Jonathan Searle, a world junior gold medal winner. Oxford's president, Chris Penny, is an Olympic silver medal winner, and the oldest oarsmen, at 29, in today's race is Doctor Tom Cadoux-Hudson, a world bronze medal winner in 1981.

Facts and figures

- Longest winning streaks for each university — Cambridge 13 (1924-1936); Oxford 10 (1976-1985).
- The record time for the 4.5-mile course from Putney to Mortlake was set by Oxford in 1984 — 16min 45sec. In last year's atrocious conditions Oxford rowed to victory in 19min 58sec. The slowest win over the same course was 26min 05sec by Cambridge in 1860.
- There have been several sinkings — Cambridge in 1858 and 1878 and Oxford in 1925. In 1912 both crews sank and the race was re-run two days later. In 1957 Oxford sank near the start and the event was again re-run, 48 hours later.
- Television: BBC Grandstand.

Oxford have an impressive curriculum vitae.

If Oxford lose it will be one of the biggest upsets of all time, equal to their unexpected win last year. Oxford's Achilles' heel may lie in Gaffney and his ability to lift his crew if necessary from a metronomic stride. With all lighter than last year when he stroked Oxford to an unexpected victory.

Cambridge looked mediocre at the beginning of their Tideway training, but they have come on the boil. Their apparent weakness is applying power late in the stroke. But they are very fit and performed well against the national squad eight.

Cambridge are a crew which has gained respect this fortnight on the Tideway. They will be stroked by Matthew

Britin, a junior international and an Olympic candidate, backed by a tough engine room — Nicholas Grundy, Guy Pooley and their president, Jim Garman. That is their strength, and to win their bow four will have to find a sting in their tail.

Cambridge's stock fell dramatically when they lost to their reserve crew, Goldie, earlier in the week in a one-and-a-half-minute race. But it has been an unexceptional Boat Race fortnight, with this year's crews playing their cards very closely to their chest.

The Boat Race crews had a rough time yesterday in their final rehearsal yesterday with umpire Sweeney. Everybody apparently wanted to get in on the act, with a flotilla of small boats streaming up river and yachts tacking in and out. The water was lumpy but both crews are alive and well and handled difficult water exceptionally well.

The atmosphere between the crews and coaches this year has not been the best. Communications have to be improved; some Boat Race reform, too, is necessary. The official weigh-in is a farce. The standard formula for increasing the weight of an oarsman is to sink four or five pints of orange juice, wear a soaked tracksuit and cover up the fraud with a lightweight vest. That risky exercise is worth about half a stone.

But such is the psychological advantage of being the heavier crew, that coaches and oarsmen will go to no end to prove their weight advantage. Their recorded weights are part of Boat Race history and should be accurate.

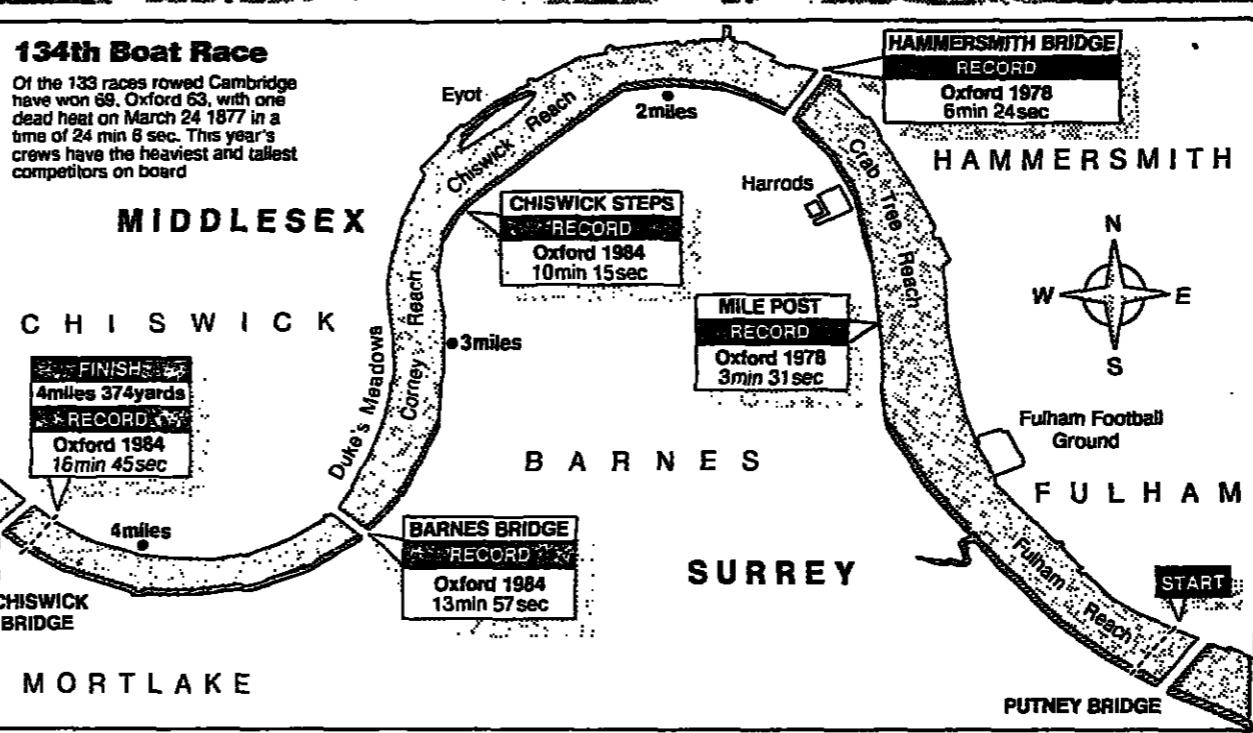
It will be well worthwhile turning up half an hour before the main event to see the Isis-Goldie race. There were only two seconds between the crews in the Kingston Head two weeks ago. Isis were faster but Goldie had a substitute on board. Goldie hurt Cambridge's pride earlier this week so the reserves' race could be a pot boiler.

It could be a long haul to Mortlake today, with a moderate tide subdued by land water and light southerly winds forecast.

In the 133 races to date, Cambridge have won 69 and Oxford 63, with a dead heat in 1877.



On their marks: Oxford, above, firm favourites for the Beefeater Gin Trophy, and Cambridge (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)



BOAT RACE CREWS

Oxford	Cambridge
*H M Peilham (St Edward's, Oxford and Christ Church) 13 7% BOW	R S N Ames (Eton and Trinity) 14 0%
*P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford) 15 1 2	M J K Smith (Shrewsbury and Magdalene) 14 8
*R Hull (Wyndham, Robinson College, Cambridge and Oriel) 14 7%	J C T Peppercorn (Oundle and Sidney Sussex) 15 2
C G Penny (St George's, Princeton University and St John's) 15 13%	*R A B Spink (Shroton and Downing) 13 12
*A D Cadoux-Hudson (Radley, St Mary's Hospital, London and New College) 14 6 5	*J R Garman (Shrewsbury and LMBC) 14 6
*G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham) 16 4 6	G R Pooley (Berhamsstead, Imperial College and LMBC) 13 7%
J W C Searle (Hampton and Christ Church) 13 13 7	*N J Grundy (St Edward's, Oxford and Jesus) 12 2%
M Gaffney (Avon Old Farms, Connecticut, US Naval Academy and Hertford) 14 13 STR	*W J Britin (Hampton and Robinson) 14 7
*A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol) 8 5 COX	S J Laveridge (Radley and Trinity) 8 11%
Average weight: 14st 11½lb	Average weight: 14st 0½lb
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SNOOKER

Thorburn family is under siege

By Steve Acteson

Cliff Thorburn will make his first public appearance since the disclosure that he has failed a drug test in a Rothmans Matchroom League match at Cambridge on Monday. A sample taken from the Canadian, aged 48, at the MIM Britannia Unit Trusts British Open in Derby on February 22 proved positive, as indeed did a follow-up test.

Thorburn, under the regulations of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), faces the possibility of a hefty fine and an extremely expensive suspension for up to six ranking tournaments next season, unless he can provide convincing answers why an illegal substance came to be traced in his urine.

It seems increasingly likely that Thorburn has fallen into an unintentional trap laid by the WPBSA and partly baited by the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan who, during last year's world championship, described the use of beta-blockers by some players as "tantamount to cheating".

There then followed a mounting chorus of criticism aimed at snooker over the beta-blocker issue, which culminated in the Sports Council withdrawing its grant for the drug-testing kits and also denying the WPBSA the use of several testing laboratories as Chelsea College.

The WPBSA, which in January decided to ban certain types of beta-blockers, began using an independent laboratory at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. However, the drug-testing kits they then started using were a great deal more sophisticated than the old ones and could detect substances up to three weeks after they had been taken.

Snooker's 128 professionals were warned of the change in a circular on March 10 but Thorburn had been tested weeks earlier.

Thorburn, his French-Canadian wife, Barbara, and their sons, Jamie and Andrew, are on holiday in Marbella and it has not been an enjoyable trip. Barbara Thorburn had almost £400 stolen out of her handbag earlier this week and Thorburn's manager, Barry Fieara, said yesterday: "It seems that half the world's Press is camped right outside their hotel door and because the waiters at the hotel are all on strike they cannot even get any room service."

"It's like Mafeking in that hotel, every day the Thorburns have to run the blockade just to get something to eat. It's just like a John Wayne movie."

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THE OXFORD PAIRS v. THE CAMBRIDGE PAIRS.

To prepare for this year's race both crews have cross trained — run, lifted weights, cycled and circuit trained — in the new Nike Air Trainer. (Nobody could accuse Nike of not backing the winner.)



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FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL SEEK TO CONFIRM CHAMPIONSHIP OUTCOME

Not even Clough's praise can affect Dalglish's outlook

A championship which seemed destined for Anfield since the first day of the season could be officially confirmed this Easter weekend if Liverpool defeat Nottingham Forest at the City Ground today and Manchester United at Anfield on Monday. These two victories would give the Merseyside club their 17th league title with still five weeks of the season to run.

By Clive White

Lincoln falter in Docklands

Lincoln still behave like a League club. Their players are full-time and £170,000 are spent this season on recruits. Fisher has spent barely enough to buy a front door for one of the houses on new developments which surround the tiny ground.

By David Powell

Barrow's winning formula

On the basis that a winning formula should never be changed, Ray Wilkie will send his Barrow team into the first leg of their FA Trophy semi-final, at home to Enfield today.

By Paul Newman

World Cup broadcast site agreed

Rome (Reuters) - The site for an international broadcasting centre, the subject of a row that has threatened to jeopardize Italy's hosting of the 1990 World Cup finals, was officially backed yesterday when the Minister of Posts, Oscar Mammi, signed an order making the site of an old brickworks north of Rome available.

By George Ace

Glentoran chase their championship target

It is difficult to visualize any change at the top of the Smirnov Irish League after the weekend games. Glentoran, the league look good enough to take the points against Newry Town at the Oval, despite losing a little of their fluency in recent matches.

By Stuart Jones

Charlton sticks to his plans

Jack Charlton is still hoping that Mark Lawrenson, who last week announced that his career was over, will be able to play an active part in the European championship. The Republic of Ireland manager has reserved a specific role for him in his plans for the tournament in June.

Swedes spoil hosts' party

The West Germans, the favourites for the European title, awoke on April Fool's Day to find themselves described by one of their own national officials as "a catastrophe of a team".

From Stuart Jones

Motor racing

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Bad Friday at Vicarage Road: defeat for Watford yesterday could mean that Jackett, right, and Allen will not be meeting next year. (Photograph: Ian Stewart). Report, page 36

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